

Dear Participant,

Over the last few days, The Woodlands and surrounding areas have experienced a large amount of rainfall. Much of the rain that occurred in these areas flow directly into and through Lake Woodlands. These rain events have caused irregular water currents, floating debris and vegetation, high water levels in the lake and water quality not suitable for full contact swimming. These conditions are not favorable to safely conduct the swim portion of the Woodforest Bank TRI this Saturday. Therefore, the swim portion of the race has been cancelled. At this time, the race format has shifted to a duathlon consisting of a 1 mile run, 12.8 mile bike course and 5K run. The race will begin at 7 a.m. at Northshore Park. All participants will begin the race at the same time.

Due to forecasted storms taking place through Friday evening, Bike Check-In scheduled for Friday, May 10 has been cancelled for participant, staff and volunteer safety. Athletes will need to report to transition on Race Day morning to check-in their bikes and gear beginning at 5 a.m. Transition will close promptly at 6:45 a.m. Please note – Athletes will **NOT** be able to begin the race after 7 a.m. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

Participant, staff and volunteer safety is always the top priority, and we believe the decision to cancel the swim portion of the race and Friday evening Bike Check-In is consistent with that priority.

In addition to these changes, staff has developed detailed plans and alternative options for Race Day morning in the event of inclement weather, and will be prepared to execute these as needed. The Woodforest Bank TRI is permitted to utilize roads as outlined in the approved traffic control plan until 10:30 a.m. on Race Day. Below are the **maximum times to delay the race start**, based on USA Triathlon's Contingency Plan that states one should wait 30 minutes from the sound of the most recent thunder to resume activities.

Duathlon (1 Mile Run, 12.8 Mile Bike, 5K Run) Maximum Delayed Start Time – 8 a.m.
5K Only Maximum Delayed Start Time – 9 a.m.

No postponement of the race will occur after 9 a.m. The event will be cancelled at that time if weather conditions are unsafe. In the event of thunder and lightning, participants will not be released out on the course until thunder and lightning activity has ceased for a minimum of 30 minutes. During this time period, participants, volunteers and staff are encouraged to seek shelter. Due to scheduling and staffing, the race will not be rescheduled to a later date.

With current forecasted conditions, all post-race activities including live music, food/beverages and awards have been relocated to the Event Center (Ice Rink) located at 2005 Lake Robbins Drive. Participants are invited to attend upon finishing the race. Parking will be available in the Town Center Parking Garage and Gold Lot.

All plans are tentative and subject to change at any time based on weather forecasts and the potential for flooding conditions, which could potentially impact the availability of resources needed to ensure the safety of the event, such as Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and standby EMS.

Please continue to check your email for race updates. This information will be distributed as determinations are made. Please feel free to contact aces@thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov with any questions.

Thank you for your patience in this matter and your commitment to the Woodforest Bank TRI!

The Woodlands Township Parks and Recreation